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SUBJECT: SHELL/ESSO NORTH SEA OIL PARTICIPATION  
ARRANGEMENTS

REF: LONDON 20715

ON DECEMBER 23 PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN TOLD THE COMMONS, "THIS AFTERNOON THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY WILL BE SIGNING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS WITH BOTH SHELL AND ESSO WHICH WILL BENEFIT THE BRITISH PEOPLE." THE EXTENSIVE STORIES ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH APPEARED IN THE PRESS ON DECEMBER 24 DID NOT PROVIDE ANY SUBSTANTIVE ADDITION TO THE REPORT CONVEYED IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, THEY DESCRIBE THE ACTION TAKEN ON DECEMBER 23 AS INITIALLING OF AN OUTLINE AGREEMENT. THE MEMORANDUM OF PRINCIPLES IS TO BE SIGNED ON JANUARY 5; BENN STATED THAT AT THAT TIME FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE MADE KNOWN.

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